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AUGMENTATION OF PORTS CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for augmentation of ports capacity during the Eighth and Ninth Five-year Plans ;

(b) the extent to which the target has been achieved; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve productivity of the terminals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) During the 8th Plan Period (1992-97), against planned capacity addition of67.86 Million Tonnes (MT), the actual capacity added was 45.98 MT taking the total capacity of Major Ports from 169.23 MT as on 31.3.1992 to 215 MT as on 31.3.1997.The total capacity of Major Ports was subsequently reassessed as 219.55 MT as on 31.3.1997, taking into account increased productivity, favaourable cargo mix etc. During 9th Plan (1997-2002), against planned capacity addition of 159 MT through various spill over schemes of 8th Plan and new schemes of 9th Plan, a total of 157 MT capacity is expected to be added in Major Ports.

(c) The development programme being undertaken at present lay emphasis on the following aspects, aiming at enhancing standards of the Indian Major Ports and their productivity :

- Construction and equipping new Berths
- Acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment to match the emerging Cargo Mix
- Establishment of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- Setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS)
- Labour Training and Welfare
- Increased role of Private Sector
- Corporatisation of Major Ports